

DATE: October, 2003

TO: Authorized Representative/Food Service Director

FROM: Dean Flaws, Food Distribution Consultant

SUBJECT: 4C (Nov./Dec.) Release

PLEASE ROUTE TO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. We have had several questions regarding the availability of “irradiated ground beef” in January, 2004. It is a state option on buying this product. Here is the current position of the Bureau of Food and Nutrition on this topic. *“Iowa has no plans to purchase irradiated ground beef for the 2003-2004 school year. The controversy of irradiated foods and the extra cost (10 to 20 cents per pound) is what we are basing our decision on.”* Dean Flaws, Food Distribution Consultant
Bureau of Food and Nutrition
2. **4C (Nov./Dec.) Order Form** is enclosed in this mailing. The 4C distribution is being planned to begin the week of November 17th. It takes Keck Inc. approximately 4 to 5 weeks to deliver to all 580 school sites in Iowa. Commodity Order Forms are also available on the web.
3. The strawberry cups, in the Mason City and Sioux City warehouses, had to be cancelled for the October deliveries.
4. Enclosed in this mailing are a couple of food safety brochures. These brochures/pamphlets promote the “Fight Bac” campaign for Food Safety. The USDA and the FDA sponsor it. The web site is: www.fightbac.org
5. **Several Informative sheets** regarding ordering commodities and accessing the commodity website have been included in this mailing they can be identified by the colored sheets.
6. Also, enclosed in this mailing is a copy of the current updated (as of Oct. 1, 2003) version of the processed commodity food prices for this school year.
7. **Discount on certain yogurt products.** The State of Iowa has sent some NFD milk to General Mills and Dannon. If your local vendors offer products from these two companies you may be eligible for a rebate or discounted price when you purchase certain yogurt products. Ask your salesman about the program and how it will work for your school.
8. **Damaged/Shortages on a Release:** On any release, if there are damaged products or shortages it is

necessary that the driver initial such items. When there is a driver's initial on the release, proper credit will be given on the invoice amount. All items should be checked carefully at the time of delivery. An over/short paper report should also be sent to the STATE OFFICE.

9. **Iowa Food and Distribution Program:** If you need additional information, commodity values, or forms for the Commodity Food Distribution Programs, please visit our web page at:
www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/fn/commdist

10. **Warehouses for 2003-2004**

#1 Des Moines Cold Storage
Contact: Jack Barrow
4770 NE 17th Court
Des Moines, Iowa 50303
515-262-6560

#2 Mason City Cold Storage
Contact: Eldon Reinhart
633 15th St. NE
Mason City, Iowa 50401
641-424-8369

#3 Cloverleaf Cold Storage
Contact: Amy Peister
223 Cloverleaf Ct.
Sioux City, Iowa 51103
712-279-8019

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)